

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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January 7, 2013

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: Dwight Barron, Bruce & Ruth Blake, Leo Mayo, Wayne McLaughlin, Eric Morrill, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, Michael Witham, and Bonnie Baker.

- 1 Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:27 following the 18:00 Budget Committee Meeting.
- 2 The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3 **Consent Agenda:**
 - 3.1 Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated December 17, 2012 as written.(3-0)
 - 3.2 Reviewed Warrant #1 totaling \$48,774. (3-0)
- 4 **Appointments & Resignations:** None.
- 5 **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 5.1 **E-911** – No Report.
 - 5.2 **Winter Roads Contractor** –
 - 5.2.1 E. Morrill stated he wanted to thank E. Pratt for taking care of an issue on Fahi. He said that you could see where the plow trucks had been unable to clear the side of the road because of people constantly parked there. He added that there had been quite a few vehicles parked and left on the East Shore Road as well.
 - 5.2.2 E. Pratt stated she had received a complaint about snowdrifts; however none of the towns that she traveled through could keep up with them, because it would be cost-prohibitive to keep sending trucks out for such a small area. E. Morrill replied that he tried to stay on top of them.
 - 5.2.3 E. Morrill stated a lot of people were leaving snow in the road or pushing it across the road. E. Pratt replied that she felt they should start contacting the police.
 - 5.2.4 C. Taylor said that Nitram had been very responsive to any & all calls he had.
 - 5.2.5 C. Taylor stated that the electric meter needed to be unburied.
 - 5.2.6 E. Morrill asked if the hydrants on Rusty Drive were private. C. Taylor said yes.
 - 5.3 **Animal Control** – No Report.
 - 5.4 **Board of Assessors** – No Report.
 - 5.5 **Planning Board** –
 - 5.5.1 L. Mayo said there had been nothing yet.
 - 5.5.2 He stated that Deidre had mentioned there might be changes to Resource Protection, one on Black Hill, and the CEO had mentioned one on Fahi..
 - 5.6 **Plumbing Inspector** –
 - 5.6.1 L. Mayo said that everything was going alright.
 - 5.6.2 He asked whether the BOS had found the LaFlamme letter satisfactory. C. Taylor replied yes, and it would need to be followed up in the spring.
 - 5.7 **Board of Appeals** – No Report.
 - 5.8 **Code Enforcement Officer** – No Report.
 - 5.9 **Health Officer** – No Report.
 - 5.10 **Road Commissioner** – No Report.
 - 5.11 **M.S.A.D. #74** –
 - 5.11.1 D. Barron stated that it looked like RSU74 would have a budget shortage of approx. \$50K, in addition to the \$22K that they would be short due to having to pay the Charter School in Cornville. He added that the school board had voted last week to freeze the budget so the would not go over.
 - 5.12 **Recreational Director** –

- 5.12.1 D. Barron said he had lined up bus transportation for January 21 to Saddleback, leaving at 07:30. He stated the cost would be \$5/person for the bus, and \$29/lift ticket. He added that the in the future there would be trips to Sugarloaf and (possibly) Baker Mountain.
- 5.12.2 He stated that M. Witham would open up the field at the ECCtr so they could begin work on the ice rink. He said he had an issue with the order from Jordan Lumber never being delivered. He stated when he contacted them they said they had gotten a call from a woman claiming to represent the town, who canceled the order.
- 5.12.3 C. Taylor stated, "Let's see if you have a chance to turn the corner with these kids. The last couple of Rec. Directors haven't had a chance to do much."
- 5.13 Town Clerk/Treasurer –**
 - 5.13.1 B. Baker stated she didn't have much to report this week.
- 5.14 Registrar of Voters:**
 - 5.14.1 B. Baker stated that she had nothing to report at this time.
- 5.15 Tax Collector –**
 - 5.15.1 R. Blake submitted a written report to the BOS.
 - 5.15.2 W. McLaughlin told R. Blake to "keep up the good work."
- 5.16 Community Center –**
 - 5.16.1 W. McLaughlin stated there would be a supper Saturday night.
 - 5.16.2 He said there would be a meeting tomorrow night.
 - 5.16.3 R. Blake stated the ECC had turned over \$12,800 to the town in 2012. C. Taylor stated he had received a phone call from someone requesting a detailed written report.
 - 5.16.4 Discussed possible wording for Town Meeting article.
 - 5.16.5 W. McLaughlin stated there were knitting and card games on Mondays.
- 5.17 Emergency Management Directors – No Report.**
- 6 Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**
 - 6.1 E. Pratt asked when they might have another work meeting. C. Taylor stated the BOS would meet the 10th and 17th; however the meetings did not need to be posted.
- 7 New Business: None**
- 8 Old Business: None.**
- 9 Correspondence: BOS reviewed correspondence.**
- 10 Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:**
 - 10.1 Open Public Forum:**
 - 10.1.1 B. Blake stated he had been hearing concerns regarding funds being paid out of the capital improvement account. Extensive discussion continued.
- 11 Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME §405): None held.**
- 12 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**
 - 12.1 Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, January 21, 2013.
 - 12.2 Motion to adjourn made by W. McLaughlin (2nd - C. Taylor). (3-0) Adjourned 20:47.

*Minutes submitted by:
Bonnie A. Baker*